

# City of Northampton

MASSACHUSETTS

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**In City Council, August 18, 2016**

**Upon the recommendation of Mayor David J. Narkewicz, Planning & Sustainability, and the Conservation Commission**

**16.140**

**An Order**

**To Authorize the Purchase of 17.9 Acres to add to Saw Mill Hill Conservation Area  
East of Sylvester Road**

**Ordered, that**

WHEREAS, The *Open Space and Recreation Plan: 2011-2018* recommends preserving open space in the Saw Mill Hills to fill in wildlife and walking trail gaps in the preserved conservation area;

WHEREAS, The owners, for over two centuries, of 17.9± acres located on Roberts Hill in the Saw Mill Hills Conservation Area, south of Chesterfield Road and east of Sylvester Road have agreed to sell their property for \$26,850;

WHEREAS, While the land is landlocked and has no development value, it fills a critical gap within the Saw Mill Hills Conservation Area;

WHEREAS, The city has already raised all of the purchase price from community contributions and no new city appropriation or CPA funds are required;

***Ordered, that***

The Conservation Commission is authorized to purchase or otherwise acquire for conservation and passive recreation purposes, as provided by MGL Chapter 40, §8C, any fee, easement or conservation restriction as defined in MGL Chapter 184, §31 or any other interest in the above land and any immediately adjoining land; that the City Council hereby accepts such conservation restrictions; that the Conservation Commission is authorized to grant conservation restrictions on any land so acquired;

